

CONNECTICUT PROBATE ASSEMBLY MEETING
September 20, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Judge Mahon at 12:58 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Approval of the June 22, 2016 Probate Assembly Meeting Minutes**
Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
Report approved.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - Continuing Education – Judge Becker
No report.
 - Ethics – Judge Magistrali
No report.
 - Legislative – Judge Rowe and Judge Fox
The next meeting will be held October 14, 2016. The new co-chairs invite input from the assembly for the upcoming legislative session.
 - Nominating – Judge Marino
No report.
 - Planning – Judge Brandt
No report.
 - Procedures Review – Judge Berkenstock
Judge Berkenstock thanked Judge Wright for his service and invited suggestions for new forms from the assembly.
 - Public Information – Judge Purnell
The Committee is looking for direction from the Legislative Committee.

Ad Hoc Committees:

- Conservatorship Guidelines – Judge DeGennaro
The Committee requested input from the assembly since the recent changes.
- Court Security – Judge DePanfilis
No report.
- Floating Clerks – Judge Berkenstock
No report.
- Hospitality – Judge Yamin
Judge Yamin reminded the assembly of the upcoming NCPJ conference November 14-17 in Charleston, SC.
- Judicial Selection Working Group – Judge Elkin
No report.
- Statistics Committee – Newly established committee, no report.

6. **Comments of the Probate Court Administrator – Judge Knierim**

The proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure were sent to all judges. Judge Knierim thanked the Committee for all of their hard work. The proposed changes will be sent to the Supreme Court for approval.

The online invoicing project for attorneys and conservators is progressing well. The pilot courts will start in January, 2017. The plan is to have the system in all courts by April, 2017.

PCA is working with OPM on several cost recovery ideas for conservatorships. First, to make conservator compensation eligible for payment under Title 19. Second, to establish a statutory lien on real property for conservator compensation. Third, to develop a state mechanism to recover conservator compensation paid by PCA when there is a windfall situation for the conserved person.

PCA is also working on procedures for collection of unpaid invoices.

Judge Knierim announced that Amy Benjamin, the former Chief Clerk for the Children's Courts, has been promoted to Manager of Support and Training. She will be working statewide to assist courts with efficiency, best practices and various other areas.

7. **Comments of the President-Judge**

Judge Mahon offered a welcome to the assembly. He is available to meet with any judge or clerk.

8. **Other Business to come before the Executive Committee**

None.

9. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Leah Schad
Recording Secretary